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WHOMP
WHOMP
WHOMP
WAS THERE AN *EARTHQUAKE* SCHEDULED FOR TODAY?
TWILIGHT!
TWILIGHT!
TWILIGHT!
WHOMP
KA-THWOMP

HELLO, PINKIE.

OMIGOSH! TWILIGHT! I *WON!*

WON? WHAT DID YOU-U-U-U-U-U—

OKAY-SO-COLTA-COLA-WAS-HAVING-A-CONTEST-AND-YOU-HAD-TO-FIND-A-WINNING-CAP-AND-SO-I-DRANK-THREE-HUNDRED-AND-FOURTEEN-BOTTLES-OF-COLTA-COLA-AND-NONE-OF-THEM-WON-BUT-THE-THREE-HUNDRED-AND-FIFTEENTH-BOTTLE-HAD-A-WINNING-CAP-AND-I-WON-TWILIGHT!

I *WON!*

PINKIE, PLEASE, SLOW DOWN! ONE THING AT A *TIME*, OKAY?

WHAT DID YOU WIN?

TICKETS, TWILIGHT!

HE'S PERFORMING *TONIGHT* AND I GOT *TICKETS!*

AND I WANT *YOU* TO COME WITH ME!

PINKIE. CALM DOWN. DEEP BREATHS.

TICKETS TO *WHAT? WHO* IS PERFORMING?

THE GREATEST CLOWN IN ALL OF EQUESTRIA

PONYACCI

PONYACCI'S MY *IDOL!*

HE'S *FORGOTTEN* MORE STUFF ABOUT COMEDY THAN MOST PONIES EVER *LEARN!*

HE MUST BE PRETTY *FUNNY.*

"PRETTY FUNNY"?!

PONYACCI MADE *PRINCESS LUNA* LAUGH SO HARD SHE SPRAINED A *WING!*

HE GOT A *STANDING OVATION* FROM THE *GRIFFON KINGDOM!*

HE ONCE FOUGHT OFF A *RAMPAGING BEAR* WITH NOTHING BUT A *RUBBER CHICKEN!*

SOUNDS LIKE YOU REALLY *ADMIRE* THIS... PONYACCI.

YOU *BET*, MISTER!

I'VE STUDIED *EVERY ONE* OF HIS ROUTINES! BOUGHT ALL OF HIS *JOKE BOOKS!*

I EVEN BOUGHT THE *TALKING PONYACCI DOLL!*

CLICK

"WAH-HEY-HEY! WHO'S READY TO LAUGH?"

ARE YOU HERE TO SEE PONYACCI, SIR?

NO, I...

I'M AFRAID NOT EVEN *PONYACCI* COULD GET *ME* TO LAUGH.

WHAT DO YOU *MEAN*, SIR?

WHAT?

OH NO NO NO NO! DON'T *SAY* THAT!

EVERYPONY DESERVES TO *LAUGH!*

HERE— TAKE *MY* TICKET!

MAYBE PONYACCI REALLY *CAN* GET YOU TO LAUGH!

THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU, MISS, BUT THERE'S NO NEED.

I HAVE TO GO—ENJOY THE SHOW.

COME ON, PINKIE. THE SHOW'S ABOUT TO START.

FILLIES AND *GENTLECOLTS!* *FOALS* OF ALL AGES!

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE *ASTOUNDING ANTICS* OF EQUESTRIA'S *SILLIEST STAR...*

PONYACCI!

WA-HEY-HEY! WHO'S READY TO LAUGH?

HE PLAYS MUSIC!

HE DOES TRICKS!

1 TON

HE JUGGLES!

...SO I SAID, "ALLIGATOR? I THOUGHT YOU SAID *BAGPIPES!*"

HAHAHAH

ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULD BE BACK HERE?

IT'S OKAY! OUR TICKETS LET US GO BACKSTAGE!

I CAN'T *BELIEVE* IT! I'M GOING TO MEET MY *IDOL!*

I'M GOING TO MEET THE PONY WHO INVENTED THE *SIDEWAYS BACKFLIP* AND THE *SILENT KNOCK-KNOCK JOKE!*

PONYACCI! MISTER PONYACCI!

WOULD YOU SIGN THIS, PLEASE?

SURE, MISS. JUST GIVE ME A SECOND TO WASH MY MAKEUP OFF...

GASP!

IT'S *YOU!* I MEAN, YOU'RE *HIM!*

YOU'RE THE PONY WE MET BEFORE THE SHOW!

SO *THAT'S* WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID EVEN PONYACCI COULDN'T GET YOU TO LAUGH—

—YOU *ARE* PONYACCI!

THAT'S RIGHT, MISS.

BUT—BUT YOU WERE SO *SAD!* HOW COULD A *CLOWN* BE SO *SAD?*

WELL, THAT'S JUST IT, MISS—

—I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T ASK YOUR NAME.

PINKIE PIE! TWO P'S, TWO E'S, AND THREE *EYES.*

MISS PIE, I'VE BEEN A CLOWN FOR A *VERY* LONG TIME.

WHY, I WAS TREADING THE BOARDS BEFORE YOU WERE EVEN *BORN!*

TRAVELING FROM TOWN TO TOWN, PERFORMING NIGHT AFTER NIGHT...

I LOVE BEING A CLOWN— I LOVE MAKING PONIES *LAUGH—*

BUT EVEN FOR A *YOUNG* PONY, IT'S HARD WORK.

AND I HAVEN'T BEEN A *YOUNG* PONY IN A *VERY LONG TIME!*

ALL I WANT TO DO IN LIFE IS MAKE PONIES LAUGH.

COMEDY IS EVEN IN MY *CUTIE MARK!*

BUT BEING A CLOWN IS *DRAINING.* I CAN'T KEEP PERFORMING LIKE I USED TO.

SO I'VE DECIDED TO *RETIRE.*

WHAT?!

YOU'RE *QUITTING* CLOWNING?

I'M AFRAID I'M GETTING TOO *OLD* TO *CLOWN* LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS.

IN FACT, TONIGHT MAY HAVE BEEN MY *LAST* PERFORMANCE *EVER.*

B-BUT MISTER PONYACCI...

YOU WERE AN *INSPIRATION* TO ME!

I DON'T *WANT* YOU TO STOP BEING A *CLOWN!*

I'M HAPPY I COULD *INSPIRE* YOU, MISS PIE. AND I HOPE YOU *KEEP CLOWNING!*

BUT AS FOR *ME...*

...WELL, EVERY PERFORMER NEEDS TO KNOW WHEN TO *LEAVE THE STAGE.*

"HEY, HOW DOES A BEE STYLE HIS HAIR?"

"WITH A *HONEYCOMB!*"

CLICK

SIGH

OH, PONYACCI DOLL.

THANKS FOR TRYING TO CHEER ME UP.

PINKIE, I KNOW YOU'RE SAD BECAUSE PONYACCI'S RETIRING...

...BUT I'M TRYING TO GET MY GROCERY SHOPPING DONE, AND—

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT *ME.*

JUST PILE THE VEGETABLES RIGHT ON TOP OF ME.

I THINK TWILIGHT'S TRYING TO SAY THAT YOU'RE IN THE WAY, PINKIE.

OF *COURSE* I AM! WHY *BOTHER?*

WHAT'S THE POINT OF BEING IN A WORLD WITHOUT *PONYACCI?*

I THINK MAYBE YOU'RE *OVERREACTING* A LITTLE.

IT'S NOT LIKE PONYACCI IS *GOING AWAY.* HE'S JUST NOT *PERFORMING* ANYMORE.

THAT'S PRACTICALLY THE *SAME THING!*

A *CLOWN* WHO DOESN'T DO ANY *CLOWNING* IS HARDLY A *CLOWN* AT ALL!

HOW CAN HE JUST *GIVE UP* ON HIS *PROFESSION?*

WELL, LIKE HE SAID, HE'S GETTING *OLDER.* AND HE'S BEEN PERFORMING FOR A *LONG TIME.*

I DON'T THINK HE *WANTS* TO STOP, BUT HE CAN'T KEEP IT UP *FOREVER.*

BUT HE'S AN INSPIRATION TO *MILLIONS!*

HOW CAN HE ABANDON ALL HIS *LOYAL FANS?*

THIS ISN'T ABOUT *YOU,* PINKIE. OR *ANY* OF HIS FANS.

I'M SURE PONYACCI IS DOING THIS FOR HIS *OWN REASONS.*

WELL— YEAH, BUT—

IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM *FAIR!*

I KNOW IT DOESN'T.

BUT IT'S *HIS* DECISION, PINKIE.

I KNOW, I KNOW...

...I JUST WISH I COULD CONVINCE HIM TO KEEP *PERFORMING.*

I WISH I COULD'VE SEEN PONYACCI PERFORM.

HE MUST'VE BEEN PRETTY *INSPIRING!*

SPIKE! THAT'S *IT!* YOU'RE A *GENIUS!*

I *KNOW* WHAT I CAN DO!

TWILIGHT! HOW MANY BOXES OF *GLITTER* DO YOU HAVE?

UH... *NONE?*

GREAT! I'LL NEED *ALL* OF THEM!

EXPLODING THINGS

VIGS

OSTUMES

RUB
CHIC

LETTER FOR MR. PONYACCI!

?

NIP

LOOK THIS WAY

SURPRISES

BOOM

FWEEEEEEE

OH PONYACCI, PONYACCI, WHAT'S GOT YOU SO BLUE? YOU'RE TIRED OF PERFORMING AND SO YOU THINK YOU'RE THROUGH.

BUT PONYACCI, PONYACCI, PLEASE DON'T LOOK SO DOWN! 'CAUSE THE BEST WAY TO CHEER UP A CLOWN IS WITH **ANOTHER** CLOWN!

OH, PONYACCI'S FAMOUS FOR HIS MANY BRILLIANT TRICKS. HE JUGGLES KNIVES, HE SWALLOWS FIRE, HE SPINS PLATES 'ROUND ON STICKS!

HIS CORNY JOKES ARE LEGENDARY, THEY'RE KNOWN THE WHOLE WORLD ROUND: "I WASHED MY DOG WITH **SPOT** REMOVER AND NOW HE CAN'T BE **FOUND!**"

I SUPPOSE *YOU'RE* TRYING TO CONVINCE ME NOT TO QUIT, TOO?

NO, I'M JUST HANDLING *PROPS* AND *BACKGROUND MUSIC.*

SO PUT ON YOUR COSTUME AND POWDER YOUR FACE, GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE TO FINISH YOUR RACE!

KEEP DANCING ON THAT STAGE UNTIL THE CURTAIN FALLS AT LAST, AND LAUGH, PONYACCI, LAAAAAAUUUGH!

PANT

PANT

PANT

SO! DID I CONVINCE YOU?

NO.

I'M SORRY, MISS PIE.

IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, YOUR PERFORMANCE WAS *EXCELLENT.*

FINE SINGING. GOOD JUGGLING.

YOUR *BALANCING* ACT COULD USE A LITTLE WORK, THOUGH.

HERE, LISTEN—

BOM BOM BOM

YOU SHOULD INFLATE IT A LITTLE MORE, GIVE YOURSELF A FIRMER SURFACE.

IS THAT A *ZGR* MODEL PARTY CANNON?

TRY USING *TWO* PARTS GLITTER TO *ONE* PART CONFETTI— YOU'LL GET A LARGER *BANG.*

THE MUSIC WAS ARRANGED WELL, THOUGH IF YOU HAD A *STRING* SECTION, THAT MIGHT BE EVEN *BETTER.*

DECENT LYRICS, EXCEPT FOR THE *OBLIQUE* RHYME AT THE END...

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED *MAKEUP?* YOU COULD DO A LOT WITH YOUR COMPLEXION.

YOUR ACCORDION PLAYING IS EXCELLENT, BUT YOUR *INSTRUMENT* NEEDS TO BE TUNED AT LEAST ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS.

AS FOR THE *TIGER TAMING*, YOU DEFINITELY SHOULDN'T—

HEY! THAT'S *IT!*

YOU DON'T NEED TO *BE* A CLOWN—

YOU SHOULD *TEACH* CLOWNS!

...TEACH?

I... I NEVER *THOUGHT* OF THAT BEFORE.

THAT'S A *REALLY GOOD IDEA*, PINKIE!

YOU KNEW JUST WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN *MY* PERFORMANCE.

YOU COULD HELP *OTHER PONIES* BECOME BETTER CLOWNS!

I WOULDN'T HAVE TO *TRAVEL* SO MUCH... I WOULDN'T HAVE TO *PERFORM* EVERY NIGHT...

YOU COULD USE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO HELP FUTURE GENERATIONS OF *CLOWNS!*

YOU COULD LEAVE YOUR MARK ON COMEDY *FOREVER!*

MISS PIE, YOU'RE *BRILLIANT!*

I CAN KEEP BEING FUNNY WITHOUT HAVING TO *PERFORM!*

THIS IS *WONDERFUL!*

HOW CAN I EVER *REPAY* YOU?

WELL...

THERE IS *ONE* THING...

CEASE FIRE!

PONYACCI'S SCHOOL OF CLOWNING, JAPES, AND BUFFOONERY

LET'S CHECK YOUR *PIE-THROWING,* RECRUITS!

CUSTARD! BULL'S-EYE! NICE JOB!

TROLLO LOLLO! WIDE TO THE RIGHT! TIGHTEN UP YOUR THROW!

I HAVE TO SAY, PONYACCI LOOKS *MUCH* HAPPIER.

AND HE'S GOT STUDENTS COMING FROM *ALL OVER* EQUESTRIA! THE SCHOOL'S A *HUGE SUCCESS!*

GIGGLE FIT! WATCH YOUR AIM! YOU ALMOST HIT *LAUGHING MATTER!*

WHY DIDN'T *YOU* ASK TO JOIN, PINKIE?

I'M SURE PONYACCI WOULD *LOVE* TO TEACH YOU.

OH... LET'S JUST SAY I'VE ALREADY LEARNED *PLENTY* FROM HIM.

"DEAR PRINCESS CELESTIA:

"TODAY I LEARNED THAT SOMETIMES IT CAN BE *HARD* DOING SOMETHING THAT YOU LOVE—ESPECIALLY IF YOU'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR A *LONG TIME!*

"BUT WITH THE HELP OF A NEW OUTLOOK, WE CAN *ALWAYS* FIND A WAY TO KEEP BEING INVOLVED.

"YOU'RE *NEVER* TOO OLD TO BE A PART OF WHAT YOU *LOVE!*

"I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO HELP PONYACCI KEEP BEING *FUNNY*—EVEN *OFF* THE STAGE.

"AND KNOWING THAT YOU'VE HELPED SOMEONE FULFILL *THEIR* DREAM...

"...CAN BE JUST AS GOOD AS FULFILLING YOUR *OWN!*"
—*Pinkie Pie*

END